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I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed Comcast-NBC merger.

Based on my story below, you can see why I would think that Comcast is not interested in quality communications, quality programming or quality delivery of those, other than the financial profits which are their sole motivation behind this proposal of theirs to own NBC too.

I have written to my U.S. Senator, the Honorable Tom Udall, (D) NM, before on this very subject, to ask him to please do what he can to stop this obviously anti-trust merger from moving forward.

I have been a Comcast customer for well over two decades, and have found that for a cable company with no competition in the cable business in my area, having effectively had the benefits of a monopoly, but while not being regulated as the UTILITY that all other communication lines, natural gas energy lines, electricity lines, and communication lines such as Qwest are.

In my opinion, Comcast has been out of control for years now. After the recent anniversary of CSPAN, they bragged about the CSPAN being created by America's cable companies, they removed the CSPAN II channel off their basic cable program cluster. They have thus deliberately dumbed-down my television lines because they could.

I have also been a Comcast ISP customer for several years too, and have noticed especially as of late that with the increased frequency of their Television Commercials touting the advantages of "Business Class" super-speed internet service, that my regular "hi speed" internet connection has slowed and forced to drive on the shoulder to make more room for the fast lanes. My monthly service payment has not been reduced in regards to my new slower and substandard service.

Additionally, when I am up late watching cable news on Comcast Cable basic program channel layout, or switching thru the channels, the (audio gain) volume is not regulated in any way to prevent some channel audio levels to be extremely quiet, relative to the others, but other ones being extra LOUD thus interfering with my household sleep schedule for my wife and my adopted 7-year old daughter.

In addition to that, Comcast commercials that tout their services over the cable television sound between 3 and 5 times louder, thus also waking my little girl up long after her bedtime.

It is obvious to me from the above displayed complacency that Comcast has exhibited in the lack of quality service that they are already cutting corners with disregard for their customers needs, and should be regulated as an actual UTILITY that Qwest, PNM, NM Gas Co., or even the City waterlines are subject to.

IF COMCAST IS ALLOWED TO OWN NBC and NBC affiliates, e.g. MSNBC, CNBC, etc., then it is obvious they will maximize their profits with the lackadaisical disregard for their customers that has already been exhibited for many years track record they have built for themselves.

In addition to that, please let me point out that if Comcast is allowed for this merger to proceed to completion, that the commercial renditions of what highlights have been parsed off CSPAN itself will be edited, with pertinent Congressional records the electorate needs to be informed for a functioning democracy, will result in the elimination of CSPAN from their basic cable layout altogether.

You must please also take into account, that a retail provider of ISP and Cable Television, who has an embedded conflict of interest for providing content, which competes against other content they distribute and retail becomes such an anti-trust issue that it should be obviously illegal under existing anti-trust U.S. Law to preclude them from even considering such a proposal would benefit their retail customers, let alone ever be allowed for legal reasons.

Furthermore, Comcast Board of Directors are decidedly politically biased, and will be in position to alter the program content of any thus programming to their retail customers channels with adversarial content, thus effectively becoming a censored information outlet.

If Comcast has control over both the content and distribution of MSNBC, any change they feel appropriate from their point of view, they can enforce through the "market forces" which will all belong to them.

Allowing MSNBC program content to fall under the direction of Comcast Cable Television Provider, is no different to me than giving a license to Comcast to enter my house and select books they do not deem appropriate for me to read.

Yes , What Comcast proposes to ask permission for their cable monopoly control of program content to delivery will amount to BOOK BURNING of my own books inside my own home.

Allowing any large entity with a monopoly to do what they want to do will result in the 21st Century equivalent of BOOK BURNING.

Now you also should be already aware that should you allow Comcast to gain financial incentive directly placing them into a position of conflict of interest to promote their new NBC holdings ahead of the other video channels they also distribute, thus presenting an anti-trust situation just waiting to happen.

A merger of this size would give one company unprecedented control over media content and platforms. It would allow the largest cable and Internet access provider to control one of the nation's largest media companies. It would also give Comcast-NBC an incentive to prioritize its own online content over other content and stifle the free flow of Internet traffic.

That's too much power for one company, and it threatens competition and innovation at a moment when new forms of online video delivery are emerging.

This merger would negatively affect competition and prompt a new wave of media consolidation as other companies scramble to match Comcast-NBC's market power, making these problems even worse.

A bigger, more powerful Comcast will do nothing to address the pressing need for better media in our communities and our democracy. The FCC must stop this merger

Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

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